



Alliance Française of Greater Orlando



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DISCOVER FRANCE AND ITS CULTURE

You want to learn more about France, its History, its Arts, its Culture, its Traditions... AFGO offers you an opportunity to do so from the security of your home with its new online Zoom virtual tours.

Prepare yourself for a journey through centuries, visiting French cities, regions, gardens, menageries, world fairs. Follow the paths of great scientists. Share the daily life of kings in Versailles, enjoy (virtually) the cuisine they used to savor, and the beauty of the French art of the table. Use all of your senses, admire the art of painters, the skill of sculptors, discover the history of perfumes. Enter the intimacy of French national figures. Take part of the lavish existence of our kings' courtiers. We have so many enthralling stories to share with you...

Who doesn't dream of visiting, or revisiting Paris? Our first season will take you on a detailed tour of the French capital. From the Paris of the early Middle Ages to the futuristic district of La Defense, you will walk the streets of the city, visit its museums and monuments, its boutiques and historic department stores, its theaters and cabarets, its restaurants and cafes, its parks and gardens, and so much more. Each virtual trip lasts one hour. The program takes place on Fridays in English and Saturdays in French.

The cost for 5 Zoom online tours is \$50. But you can decide to take advantage of the bilingualism of our program and register, for the same price, to the full session of 10 Zoom virtual tours. If you prefer to select specific tours, the pricing is then \$15 per tour, with still the option of attending the same tour twice. For more information, please contact our School Director, Muriel Partridge: murieldebevere@yahoo.fr.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As we indicated in previous monthly newsletters, AFGO temporarily closed its office mid-March, due to COVID-19. All indoor and outdoor events were cancelled and we quickly reorganized our French courses online.

However, since that time we have not been idle. We progressively put together a plan to redevelop AFGO in various ways. We now have a list of a dozen projects that we are starting to implement.

Let's look at a few of them. We plan to completely redesign our Web site, restructure the French courses for kids (we held an online mini-camp from mid-June to mid-August), we are repainting AFGO's office, we will launch the "Discover France and its Culture" (see above) early September, and more.

But all this has a cost!

Please be also aware that when we implemented our online French courses we lost almost 50% of our students and, as of today, only 40% of our members have renewed their membership for FY 2020-2021 that started on July 1.

So, please help us during this transition period by renewing your membership or by becoming a new member.

Thank you in advance.

